

1 Q. Well, I'm just asking, did you -- were
2 you aware there was ---

3 A. I do not recall saying that to Officer
4 Huff, and I would be very surprised if I said
5 something like that to him.

6 Q. Do you recall asking Trooper Huff to
7 drive around for a while?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Do you recall telling Trooper Huff that
10 a DWI would have a deleterious effect on you and
11 your business in your community?

12 A. I thought so, yes.

13 Q. Did you want Trooper Huff to drive long
14 enough so that the alcohol in your bloodstream
15 would dissipate before you had to do the
16 breathalyzer.

17 A. I was hoping that, yes. I didn't -- I
18 didn't think I was -- I was surprised that I
19 blowing over the limit. I knew I had to be fairly
20 close. He just said no.

21 Q. And did he tell you why he couldn't do
22 that?

23 A. I don't recall why. He said that --
24 probably because he was a state trooper and he
25 couldn't do that so he just said, "Sorry, I can't

1 did you ask anyone else?

2 A. No, I did not.

3 MR. JAMES: Okay. Mr. Stanberry,
4 I'm even shorter than I thought. That's all the
5 questions I have.

6 THE WITNESS: Okay.

7 MS. HILL: I have just a few.

8 THE WITNESS: Sure.

9 MS. HILL: Very quickly,
10 Mr. Stanberry.

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY MS. HILL:

13 Q. And my name is Tammera Hill and I
14 represent the Department of Justice in this
15 matter.

16 I take it since you don't know Governor
17 McCrory, you did not make any phone calls to him
18 on your behalf for this DWI?

19 A. No. I just -- just to kind of clarify a
20 little bit. Look, when you live in a small town,
21 as you know, since you were in Franklin for a
22 while, you pretty much know everybody in that
23 small town and if you're in business, and my
24 family's been, you know, good stewards of the
25 community for as long as you can remember in

1 Sylva, the last thing you want to do is -- you
2 know, I coached Little League for ten years. I
3 mean I did -- you know, we give back to the
4 community.

5 I -- I felt, you know, ashamed of what
6 had happened that night. I didn't want those
7 people or kids to think a person that they had
8 looked up to at one time or even people in the
9 community had made that mistake. Now, it's a
10 mistake and to get -- and I learned greatly from
11 it. Whether it was dismissed or not, I learned
12 from it.

13 It does not take a lot to get to a .08.
14 And that's for -- that I know for sure and I don't
15 know if that machine was right or not. I don't
16 know if my acid reflux was causing issues or
17 anything else for that matter. And it doesn't
18 really matter. The point is I never should have
19 been even close to that point and -- and it'll
20 never happen again.

21 I'm not sure I'm defending myself right
22 now but I am. I didn't want anyone to know about
23 that situation. I kept it literally as quiet as I
24 could possibly keep it. I didn't even tell my own
25 brother and partner about it. I didn't want

1 anybody to know about it in town. I told my -- I
2 told my Frank, my attorney and Scott Smith, the
3 attorney and that is all. That's the only people
4 I spoke to about it.

5 Q. And to your knowledge these
6 contributions that have been shown to you, none of
7 them were intentionally -- were any of those
8 intentionally made to Governor McCrory's campaign
9 on your behalf?

10 A. No, I had no idea where they -- once you
11 give the money to the association you don't --
12 well, obv -- obviously, you don't know where the
13 money goes. It's pol -- it goes to political
14 action committees I'm -- I'm assuming. I thought
15 more probably on the fed -- on the national level
16 but I guess some of the local money I gave to the
17 local PAC probably went to the local level as
18 well.

19 I think it goes -- I think we give money
20 to both democrats and republicans alike. I think
21 they probably look at whatever politician they
22 feel like is going to be best for our association.
23 They probably donate money to that. I guess in
24 this situation, I guess they thought Governor
25 McCrory was but I didn't know about it.